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SUBJECT:SHEN MEETING WITH HABIB AND HOLBROOKE

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4. SHEN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN WHETHER WE HAD ACCEPTED PEKING'S THREE CONDITIONS, WHETHER WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THE DEFENSE OF TAIWAN AND WHETHER THERE WOULD BE CHANGES IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. HE COMPLAINED OF OUR FAILURE TO REITERATE U.S. TREATY COMMITMENT TO THE ROC. IN RESPONSE WE TOLD HIM WE NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR REJECTED THE THREE CONDITIONS BUT CLEARLY WOULD DISCUSS THEM; THAT WE REMAIN TODAY COMMITTED TO TAIWAN'S DEFENSE BUT CANNOT SAY NOW HOW THIS MIGHT CHANGE IN THE FUTURE; AND THAT NORMALIZATION, IF COMPLETED, WOULD CLEARLY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS BUT WE WOULD HOPE TO MINIMIZE ANY ADVERSE AFFECTS ON TAIWAN'S BASIC INTERESTS.

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